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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*

Director, Fish and Wildlife Service Director, National Park Service Director, Geological Survey

Director, Bureau of Land Management Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management

Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Review of Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Rio Grande Canalization

Project, Sierra and Dona Ana Counties, NM and El Paso County, TX

(ER 04/12); (Agency due date: February 10, 2004)

The International Boundary and Water Commission has requested the Department to review the subject document. The document is located on the Internet at: http://www.ibwc.state.gov. Look under the IBWC News heading.

Would you please have your appropriate field-level office review the statement from its particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide its comments to the Regional Environmental Officer in Albuquerque, New Mexico by **January 30, 2004**.

The REO will prepare the Department's comments for signature by **February 6, 2004**. <u>Please supply all</u> signed, paper comments and comments on disk or by electronic mail to the REO.

/s/ 1/7/04 Terence N. Martin

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